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SUBJECT: SEATO: ARRANGEMENTS FOR 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF: A. BANGKOK 8 605 B. STATE 117025

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH SEATO DEPSEC GEN HYSLOP CONTENTS REFTEL B AND PROVIDED HIM WITH FLOOR PLAN AND BROCHURE RE IIE BUILDING. DEPSEC GEN, WHILE CONCEDED THAT NEW PROPOSED SITE OFFERS ADVANTAGES OF PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE FOR SEC GEN, DEPSEC GEN AND SOME SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND PROVIDES SECRETARIAT WORKING SPACE ON SAME FLOOR AS CONFERENCE ROOM, INSISTS THAT WORKING SPACE ALLOCATED FOR SUPPORT STAFF IS SEVERELY INSUFFICIENT. WHEREAS 1,870 SQ. FT. WAS AVAILABLE IN USUN AUDITORIUM, LESS THAN 500 SQ. FT. IS AVAILABLE AT IIE BASED ON FLOOR PLAN. THIS CONTRASTS TO MINIMUM 2,000 SQ. FT DEPSEC GEN STILL MAINTAINS IS REQUIRED FOR WORKING SPACE FOR SUPPORT STAFF.

2. EMBOFF HAS REITERATED (WITH PATIENCE OF JOB) THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE CHANGES IN CUSTOMARY FORMAT WHICH CHARACTERIZED PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND THAT SHARP CUT-BACKS IN PAPERWORK AND ASSOCIATED SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL AND WORK SPACE WOULD NOT HAMPER SUCCESSFUL MEETING, PROVIDED ALL PREPARATORY WORK POSSIBLE WAS DONE IN BANGKOK. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THIS POINT DEPSEC GEN STANDING FIRM ON REQUIREMENT FOR MORE WORK SPACE.

3. RE INDIVIDUAL OFFICE SPACE FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, US PWG MEMBER AT JUNE 26 MEETING INFORMED COLLEAGUES OF UN-AVAILABILITY SUCH SPACE AT IIE SITE AND REQUESTED THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS OPERATE OUT OF RESPECTIVE UN MISSION OFFICES. NO MEMBER RAISED ANY OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL; SOME POINTED OUT THAT IF US COULD NOT PROVIDE SPACE THEY WOULD HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE DELEGATES AT THEIR UN MISSIONS. (EARLIER DEPSEC GEN HAD SUGGESTED TO EMBOFF THAT US MIGHT CONSIDER RENTING HOTEL ROOMS FOR THIS PURPOSE; HOWEVER, EMBOFF IMMEDIATELY THREW COLD WATER ON SUGGESTION BY NOTING THAT HIGH HOTEL COSTS WOULD PROBABLY PRECLUDE THIS.)

4. EMBASSY IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUITABLE SITE WHICH WOULD OFFER PHYSICAL FACILITIES ACCEPTABLE TO SEATO. HOWEVER, IN VIEW INFO CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH IIE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR SUPPORT STAFF ON FLOOR ADJACENT TO CONFERENCE FLOOR AND/ OR ALLOCATING PART OF CONFERENCE ROOM PROPER (WHICH APPEARS QUITE LARGE) FOR THIS PURPOSE AND ADVISE SOONEST.

5. DEPSEC GEN PLANNING TO VISIT DEPARTMENT JULY 16-20 RE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS DURING WHICH TIME HE EXPECTS BE TAKEN TO IIE SITE.

6. CHARGE HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM SEATO SEC GEN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE E THIS SUBJECT. TEXT WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.
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